

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF ADVANCED JET TRAINERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is acute shortage of advanced jet trainers in the Indian Air Force/Army;
- (b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government have decided to procure AJTs;
- (d) if so, whether any deal has been finalised in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the number and cost; and
- (f) the time by which such AJTs are likely to be inducted in the Indian Air Force/Army?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): The Indian Air Force has identified the requirement of an Advanced Jet Trainer for safe and smooth transition of young trainee pilots to high performance/technology aircraft in front line Squadrons. The Government has, therefore, decided to go in for the procurement of an Advanced Jet Trainer.

(d) to (f): Various options for the acquisition of an Advanced jet Trainer are under examination by the Government. No deal has been finalized as yet. It would not be possible to lay down a definite time limit for such a major procurement project.